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Administrative Release Date Set

Dates have been set for official implementation of some portions of CIMOR to all DMH facilities and contract providers. This Administrative Release will be in February 2006. Users will have authority to enter the <u>organization's wards</u>, <u>rooms</u>, <u>and beds</u> in preparation for later assignment of consumers to beds. Users will also have access to enter <u>local Community Agencies</u> which the organization works with. Providers will have the ability to enter information on <u>staff who provide services</u>. <u>Consumer Groups</u> can be set up for later assignment of consumers to the appropriate groups. In addition, this release will include a sample organization, complete with staff, appropriations, allotments, contracts, and payer plans that will allow each user to become more familiar with the CIMOR system.

In February-March 2006, trainers and users will be trained on the areas available in the Administrative Release. Once trained, users will have access to begin the setup data entry for their organizations.

CIMOR Data Warehouse Project Ending

A group of expert data warehouse consultants was contracted to design and set up the CIMOR data warehouse. This work began in July 2005, and ends on November 10, 2005. Division report specialists were involved in the requirements gathering phase of the project. The consultants primarily worked with IT staff to create the data warehouse structure and load sample data from the CIMOR system.

A major benefit of this data warehouse is the structured approach implemented by the consultants. The resulting views, measures, and dimensions are designed specifically for reporting. The structure contains data that is pre-aggregated so that lengthy queries and data summaries are not necessary. This will add significant value as CIMOR data begins to be used for reporting and analysis purposes.

User Acceptance Testing Scheduled

The User Test Team has been notified of training and test period for several functions during the month of December. Testing will include screens related to Contact Log, Assessments, Waiting List, Consumer Groups, Fiscal Intermediaries, Authorizations, ISL Budgets, Utilization Review, SCL Statements, Authorized and Non-Authorized Encounters (services), SATOP, and Screenings. This is the final stage of testing for these screens before they are considered ready for production.

Training in these areas will be held for approximately 50 testers during the first two weeks of December. The test period will continue through the end of December 2005.

Encounters Processing Breakthrough

With several hours of assistance from a Microsoft technician, the method for processing business rules to determine payers for services was established recently. MRDD business rules have now been set up and are being tested, as well as screens for viewing SAM invoices, Medicaid claims, and payments. This is a critical part of the CIMOR system, as it will handle all the payer determinations and automate submission of claims and invoices to payer sources.

Business Rules for CPS and ADA are scheduled to be completed over the next few months.